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BY PARTICULAR DESIRE OF THE
RIGHT HON. LADY CHARLOTTE CAMPBELL
On TUESDAY First, Dec. 31. 1799,
AT THE
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, KING's ARMS TAVERN,
High Street, Edinburgh,

MR RANNIE will display the inimitable Performance of An OLD MAN Disturbed in the Night-time, and many wonderful Feats on the SLACK WIRE.—His power of VENTRILOQUISM will astonish every beholder. He causes a voice to speak to him at the distance of fourteen yards—Many pretend to Ventriloquism, by having the power of altering their voice, but Ventriloquism is perfectly different.——Likewise will be Performed, the curiosity of the NISICHOS BOX, never attempted by any but himself—A Little Dwarf will stand on his head on a Wine Glass.——To which will be added, a number of other Amusements, too numerous to insert.

Doors to open at half past Six, to begin at Seven o'clock, and to finish at Nine.——ADMITTANCE, 2s.

Nights of Performance, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

ROYAL INFIRMARY.

A General Meeting of the Contributors to the ROYAL INFIRMARY of EDINBURGH is to be held as usual, within the Laigh Council-house here, upon Monday the 6th day of January 1800, at one o'clock afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in the charter of erection.——Of which all concerned will be pleased to take notice.

RO. BOSWELL, I. C.

SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge, is to be held in their Hall, Society Close, Nether Bow, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 2d January 1800, at two o'clock afternoon, when it is requested the members will attend.

The Directors meet at one o'clock.

EDINBURGH EAST-INDIA CLUB.

THE First Meeting for the Season of the EDINBURGH EAST-INDIA CLUB, to be held at Bayll's Tavern, on the 10th, and the Second Meeting on the 24th of January 1800, being the second and fourth Fridays of that month—Members are particularly requested to leave their names at the Bar on the preceding days.

SUGARS FOR SALE,
On Consignment.

A FEW HOGSHEADS of a Fine Quality——Apply to RICHMOND and FREEBAIRN.

Edinburgh, Dec. 26, 1799.

RIGA SOWING LINTSEED.

RAMSAY, WILLIAMSON, and CO. Leith, have for SALE, A Cargo of RIGA SOWING LINTSEED, of a very superior quality.

ON SALE,

DUTCH FLAX.——Apply to Brown, Murray & Co.

Leith, 27th December 1799.

IRISH BUTTER,
IN FIRKINS,

ON SALE, of excellent quality.—Apply to THOMAS STEWART, Leith.

ITALIAN LIQUORICE FOR SALE.

JOHN and GILBERT BERTRAM have got to hand a quantity in boxes, of a good quality, containing about 1½ cwt. each, direct from Messina; also, a few casks of LIPARI RAISINS, and some COB NUTS in bags.

LEITH—DEC. 27. 1799.

DESERTED,

From the Ninth Regiment North British, (or Royal Perthshire Militia,) quartered at Ayr Barracks,

WILLIAN BAIN, (*alias* BOAG,) late weaver in Perth, born at Stenton, Mid-Lothian, aged twenty years, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, thin vizage, a little pitted with the small pox, and five feet eight inches in height.

Whoever will apprehend the above deserter, and secure him in any jail in Great Britain or Ireland, will receive TWO GUINEAS, over and above what is allowed for apprehending deserters, by applying to the Commanding Officer at Ayr Barracks.

EXCHEQUER CHAMBERS,
EDINBURGH, July 5, 1799.
By Order of the Barons,

INTIMATION is hereby given, That GEORGE MITCHELL, Mason in Edinburgh, and ISABEL MITCHELL, relict of Patrick Goodfellow, Dyster in Nungate of Haddington, have applied to the Barons for a Gift of Bastardy of the estate and effects of William House, mason in Haddington, afterwards in Dunse.

HOUSE IN GAYFIELD PLACE.
TO BE SOLD,

THAT HOUSE in GAYFIELD PLACE presently possessed by Colonel Crichton. It contains dining-room, and drawing-room of large dimensions, with six bed-chambers, and dressing rooms, and a number of conveniencies, fit for the accommodation of a large family.

As this house is without the Royalty, it pays none of the town's taxes.

For further particulars enquire at William Dallas, writer to the signet.

FURNISHED LODGING.

To be LET, from 1st February to Whitsunday next,

TWO FLATS of the HOUSE, No. 48, in George's Street, containing dining-room, drawing-room, and four bedrooms, besides kitchen, water-pipe, cellars, and conveniencies for servants. The house is in complete repair, and is very well furnished.

It will be let by the month, if required, and may be seen every day from one to three o'clock.

For further particulars enquire at Mr Lamb, upholsterer, South Bridge.

A CAPITAL INN.

To be LET by Proposal, and entered upon at Candlemas next,

ALL that Large and Commodious INN, known by the name of the Turk's-Head Inn, situated in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, now and for many years past occupied by Mr Hugh Brodie, who will upon application, shew the premisses.

Proposals in writing will be received by Henry Elwes, Esq. Toll-Square, near North Shields, of whom further particulars may be known.

The present tenant, if required, will accommodate the succeeding tenant with the Household Furniture and Stock at a fair valuation.

PUBLIC SALES AT GREENOCK.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the house of John MacKechnie, vintner in Greenock, on Monday the 20th inst. between the hours of one and three oclock afternoon,

THE FOLLOWING VESSELS,

Belonging to the sequestrated estate of Archibald and James Robertson and Co. merchants, Greenock,

The Ship CANADA, Burthen per register, 205 49-94th tons,
The Ship LADY SHAW STEWART, ditto 202 72-94ths.
The Brig BRITANNIA, ditto 151 4-94ths.
The Brig NELLY & PEGGY, ditto 122 53-94ths.

AND,

On Friday the 10th January, there will be disposed of by public roup, within the Coffee Room, Greenock, 116 Hogsheads SCALE SUGAR, belonging to the said estate, to be set up in small lots. The sale to begin at 12 o'clock noon.

Conditions of Sales and Inventories of the Vessels to be seen by applying to Alexander Dunlop, agent for the Bank of Scotland, at Greenock, factor on the estate.

Greenock 21st Dec. 1799.

On Tuesday next, the 31st December, will be Published,
AT ELLIOT's ROOMS, EDINBURGH,
And may be had of Dunlop and Wilson, Glasgow; Brown, Aberdeen; and Bower, St Andrew's,
A CATALOGUE
OF THE
LIBRARY OF JOSEPH BLACK, M. D.
Professor of Medicine and Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh, First Physician to his Majesty for Scotland, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and of the Royal Society at Edinburgh, Member of the Academy of Sciences, and of the Society of Medicine at Paris, of the Imperial Academy at Petersburgh, &c. &c.—deceased.

Which will begin to be sold to the Highest Bidder, by
MR ELLIOT,
WITHIN THE
SALE & SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS AT THE CROSS,
On the evening of Thursday 2d January next.

ALSO,
At same time and place, will be Published—Price *One Shilling*,
A Striking Likeness of the PROFESSOR,
Engraved by BRUCE, from a Drawing of the late ingenious MR BROWN.

First Stair below the Royal Exchange.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
Edinburgh, December 27. 1799.

IT is hereby requested, that all persons having any demands on the Sun Fire Office, for loss or damage from the alarming fire which consumed Mr Kesson's Coach-work yesterday morning, will make immediate application to their agent here, in order that same may be settled. It is also requested of those who assisted in preserving property to give in their names within eight days.

ALL POLICIES for Insurances above L. 300 given *gratis*, as well upon Ships in harbour or dock, as Goods, Houses, &c. &c.

EDINBURGH FRIENDLY INSURANCE OFFICE
AGAINST LOSSES BY FIRE.

INTIMATION is hereby given to those persons insured in this Office, who have suffered damage, by the ALARMING FIRE in St James's Street, yesterday morning, to give in their claims to the Office, as soon as possible, that they may be settled. And such persons who have neglected to pay their Insurances at Martinmas last are desired to make payment immediately, as they are now at their own risk.

This Society insures Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, &c. from loss and damage by fire. And all Policies insuring sums amounting to L. 300 Sterling and upwards are given GRATIS.——*Edinburgh, Dec. 27. 1799.*

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.
EDINBURGH AGENCY.

THE very alarming fire, which consumed the Workhouse of Mr Kesson, Coachmaker, and damaged other properties, near the bottom of Leith Street, yesterday, and the *frequency* of fires in other places, of late, render it proper to remind such of the Assured in this Office as are in arrear of their Premiums and Duties, That Receipts are ready to be delivered here, when called for, which will effectually cover their properties.

Such of the Assured in this Office as have suffered loss, or incurred expences by that fire, are requested to send to the Agent as speedily as may be, notes of their claims, that their payment may be forthwith ordered.

Insurance of property in *foreign* parts, as well as in Britain, and of *Ships* in docks, harbours, and Canals, against loss by fire, is done here, on the most moderate terms. Policies are issued *gratis* for all sums at and above L. 300—and losses, when incurred, are paid to the *full* amount insured, without any deduction whatever.

Phœnix Fire Office, Edin. Dec. 27. 1799. JOHN YOUNG, Agent.

FIRE-OFFICE,
No. 8.—*South Bridge Street*,—Edinburgh.
THE CORPORATION OF THE
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE,
(Established by Royal Charter in the reign of King George I.)
For Assuring Buildings, Household Furniture, Goods, Stock in Trade, Farming Stock, Ships, &c. against FIRE; and also for the ASSURANCE OF LIVES.

PERSONS insured in this Office, whose property has suffered from the very alarming Fire this morning, whether from Removal of their Furniture, &c. or otherwise, are requested to give in the Notes of the amount of the damage and expence they have sustained, as soon as possible, that the same may be immediately discharged.

For the encouragement of Persons who insure at this Office, *all Policies are given gratis*, when the sum to be insured amounts to 300l. or upwards; and for the information of those not hitherto in the practise of insuring, the whole charge for an Insurance of 300l. (upon a House, Furniture, or any kind of Property where there is no extra risk) is as follows:

Premium on 300l. at 2s. per cent.	L.	0	6 0
Duty - - - - - -		0	6 0
Policy and Office Mark *gratis*, Annually,	L.	0	12 0

THOMSONS & CO. Agents.

INSURANCE OFFICE, No. 8, *S. Bridge Street, Edinburgh, December 26, 1799.*

SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS
For L. 15 15s.
BRITISH STATE LOTTERY
Begins Drawing 3d March next.
CAPITAL PRIZES.

2 of Thirty Thousand Pounds	5 of Two Thousand Pounds
3 of Twenty Thousand Pounds	10 of One Thousand Pounds
3 of Ten Thousand Pounds	10 of Five Hundred Pounds
4 of Five Thousand Pounds	&c. &c. &c.

Part of the above Capitals will be determined as follows:—
First drawn Ticket 20th day — L. 20,000
First drawn Ticket 26th day — 30,000
In the event of the L. 30,000 Prize coming up the first drawn Benefit on the 20th day, such Ticket would be entitled to *Fifty Thousand Pounds.*
And in the event of the said L. 30,000 Prize coming up first drawn Benefit on the 26th day, such Ticket would be entitled to both Thirty Thousands, or *Sixty Thousand Pounds.*

THE ORIGINAL TICKETS AND SHARES,
In Halves, Quarters, Eighths, and Sixteenths,
Are Sold and Registered, in the greatest variety of Numbers, by
THOMSONS & CO.
INSURANCE BROKERS,
At their Old Licensed State Lottery Office, No. 8, South Bridge Street,
EDINBURGH;
Where
A very great proportion of the PRIZES for many preceding State Lotteries have been sold in Whole Tickets and Shares, too numerous to insert in an advertisement.

Correspondents, by remitting Bills at sight, or a short date, Post-Office Orders, or Cash, may have Tickets and Shares sent them exactly on the same terms as if personally present.

PRESENT PRICES.

Tickets	—	L. 15	15s
Half	L. 8 2 0	Eighth	L. 2 1 0
Fourth	4 2 0	Sixteenth	1 1 0

Registering SIXPENCE each Number.

The Prices will advance much higher as the Drawing approaches; an early purchase is therefore recommended.

Letters (POST-PAID), duly answered.—Schemes *Gratis.*

*** ALL PRIZES PAID ON DEMAND AT CURRENT VALUE.

Insurances on Shipping, Merchandize, and Lives; as also against Fire on Dwelling-houses, Goods, Stock in Trade, &c. done as usual.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,
THE BRIGANTINE ADVENTURER,

As she presently lies in Leith Harbour, burden per register 87 88-95th tons, and will carry 110 tons, built all of English Oak, remarkably well found, and of an easy draught of water.

For further particulars apply to John Patison, Town-clerk of Leith, in whose hands a copy of her inventory may be seen.

LEITH, Dec. 24. 1799.

NEW JEWELS, PEARLS, WATCHES, PLATE, &c.

JOHN WHITE respectfully acquaints his friends and the Public, of his arrival from London, where he has with great pains and under every advantage, made such valuable and useful selections of the following Articles, as cannot fail to attract the Ladies:

Diamond Neck'aces, Ear-rings, Lockets, Rings, &c.
Pearl Bandeaus, Sprigs, Pins, Necklaces, Ear-rings, &c.
Gold Chains, Ear-rings, Bracelets, Lockets, and Crosses.
Very Elegant Choice of Rings.
Ladies and Gentlemens Watches.
Ladies Rich Dress and Plain Hunters.
A few very good Gold Repeaters.
Plain Gold, elegantly neat, from 20l. to 50l.
Gold and Silver Hunters, with Inside Glasses, very neat.
A few of the New Patent Polar Watches, much admired in London.
Silver, Tea, and Coffee Plate,
With every article in the Silver Manufactory, first style of work.

J. W. requests the attention of his Friends to the above selection, and he doubts not it will be admired.

☞ Fancy Necklaces, Ear-rings, Buckles, Brotches, Sliders Clasps, and Ornaments, very cheap.
Variety of Beautiful Coloured Stones.
Scotch Pebbles, very curious and uncommon.
Elegant Settings for Miniature Pictures.
No. 6, SOUTH BRIDGE.

BRITISH FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THIS Office is established for the Insurance of Houses, Buildings, Manufactories, Goods and Merchandize, Ships, Vessels, Barges, and other Craft, with their Cargoes, in Port or used on Navigable Canals, Farming Stock, and all other Property, against Loss or Damage by Fire in any part of Great Britain.

The flattering encouragement this Society has received in the short period of its establishment, fully proves the respectability of its Proprietary, and the estimation in which it is held by the Public;—the amplitude of its capital is a perfect security for every engagement, and is in extent to a greater amount than any similar institution.

Great attention has been paid in ascertaining the rates and conditions of Insurance: the Proprietors flatter themselves that they will be found on examination to be perfectly equitable; and no doubt is entertained but this Society will always be enabled to continue their security to the Public, without being at any future time under the necessity of increasing the premiums.

This Office, following the practice of all other offices, since Fire Insurance was established, makes good Loss by Fire from Lightning.

The following Agents are appointed to receive Insurances, of whom printed proposals and conditions, with a list of the Directors, Trustees, &c. may be had gratis.

MURRAY & BAXTER, Edinburgh.

Duncan Campbel, jun.	Port Glasgow and Greenock.
John Alston and Son, ...	Glasgow.
John Camphell, ...	Inveraray.
David Hutcheson, ...	Paisley.
James Dickson, ...	Hawick.
Duncan M'Callum, ...	Campbeltown.
Robert Quayle, ...	Castletown, Isle of Man.
William Ireland, ...	Kirkendbright.
Crosbie and Jardine, ...	Dumfries.
Alexander Brebner, ...	Aberdeen.

PATENT BLEACHING AND CLEARING LIQUOR,
FOR THE USE OF FAMILIES.

THE Proprietors of the Patent for preparing Bleaching Liquor, with ashes or alkaline salts, have lately, besides an extensive and rapidly increasing use of their invention among Bleachers, introduced this Liquor into private Families, for the purpose of restoring and preserving the Whiteness of Cotton and Linen Fabrics in daily use.

Experience has already, with those who have tried it, fully established the character of this Liquor; nor do the Proprietors imagine that any thing more than a fair trial of its power is wanting, to render its use almost universal.

LINEN and COTTON FABRICS, used for dress or other purposes, are always losing their original whiteness, and must, in order to regain it, be frequently exposed to bleach in the open air. The difficulty of obtaining this mode of bleaching in great towns, at all seasons, and the impossibility of using it, even in the country in winter, render the PATENT BLEACHING LIQUOR, a highly valuable discovery. A single immersion for a few hours in this liquor, mixed with a proper quantity of soft water, restores Linen and Cottons of every kind to their Original Whiteness, and without the least injury to the fabric of the goods. When Fixed Dyed Colours form any parts of the fabric, they are not only preserved but rendered brighter, by the operation. Fine Muslins and Laces, so liable to be injured in the common process of washing, and bleaching by exposure, are by the use of this liquor, restored to their original elegance and beauty, without risk or injury.

The Proprietors having appointed Mr JOHN CROMBIE, Merchant Street, their Wholesale Agent for Edinburgh, and neighbouring counties, they beg leave to inform Bleachers, Paper-makers, and other Manufacturers, that they will be supplied by him on the same terms as at the Work at Glasgow.

It is also sold by him in retail, and by Mr Moncrieff, at his shops, No. 17, North Bridge Street, and No. 33, Prince's Street; and by Mrs Munro, 3d stair above the Tron Church, south side of the High Street, Edinburgh; and by Mr Alexander M'Nair, St Bernard Street, Leith.

Price 9d. per Quart Bottle, with directions for using it.

SALE OF PAPERS.

On Monday the 30th day of December curt. there will be exposed to public roup and sale, at the Warehouse of BALERNO Paper-Mill, end of the Potterrow, Edinburgh,

THE Whole Remaining STOCK of PAPERS belonging to the sequestrated estate of Mess. Nisbet and Co. paper-manufacturers, consisting chiefly of a large quantity of LAPPING PAPER of different sizes, well worth the attention of dealers in and consumers of that article. Also, a considerable assortment of other WRAPPING PAPERS, commonly denominated *Gray* and *Tea Papers*; Retraes and Brokes, also some Writing Papers. The sale to begin at eleven o'clock, and continue till the whole is sold off.

The papers may be seen, and farther particulars learned, by applying to Robert Cameron, writer in Edinburgh, trustee on the said sequestrated estate.

The said PAPER MILL at BALERNO is also in the market, although the time and terms of the sale are not yet absolutely fixed; yet it is a premisses possessing many advantages, and well deserving the attention of persons intending to engage in that line of business.

FARM IN THE COUNTY OF PEEBLES TO LET.

For such a number of years as can be agreed upon,

THE Valuable FARM of WAKEFIELD, lying in the parish of Linton, and county of Peebles, as presently possessed by William Paterson. The entry to the Farm to commence at Whitsunday next.

The tenants on the lands will show the farm.

For further particulars application may be made to Cranfurd Tait, W. S. Edinburgh, with whom offers may be lodged on or before the 1st of March.

SALE BY PRIVATE BARGAIN.

THAT PIECE of GROUND on the Caltonhill, consisting of 130 feet in length from north to south, and 40 feet in breadth, with the house of two storeys built thereon, adjoining to and immediately east of the Calton Burying Ground.

This property might conveniently be added to the Burying Ground, and is also well calculated for a Manufactory, in which way it was lately employed.

The amount of the public burdens, price, and other particulars, may be learned by application to Mr Robert Bow, haberdasher, No. 33. North Bridge Street.

CHINA AND STONE WARE
FOR SALE BY AUCTION,

JUST arrived from Staffordshire, a large and elegant assortment of TEA and TABLE CHINA, STONE WARE, &c. which will be sold by auction, by Mrs M'Donald, in that commodious room opposite the east front of the College, leading to Niccolson Street, on Monday the 30th instant, and the following days. Hours of sale from ten in the morning, till three afternoon; and from four till ten evening.

N. B.—Dealers and families wishing to make up broken sets, will find this sale worthy their attention, as the whole will be sold off without reserve.

SALE OF TREES AT PRESTON.

To be SOLD by auction, on Monday the 13th January next, within the house of James Dow, vintner in Preston, at 12 o'clock forenoon, together or in lots, as the assembled offerers shall incline,

A Considerable Number of FULL GROWN TREES, chiefly ELM and LIME. For particulars apply to Robert Boswell, or David Thomson, clerks to the signet.

ROUP OF CORN AND STRAW, COUNTY OF MORAY.

There is to be SOLD by public roup, at Coltfield, near Elgin, on Thursday the 9th; at East Grange, on Friday the 10th; and at Westertown, on Saturday the 11th days of January, 1800,

THE WHOLE PRODUCE of these FARMS, crop 1799, which consists of several hundred bolls of Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Pease. The roup will begin each day at eleven o'clock forenoon.

N. B—Purchasers can be accommodated with the office-houses at Coltfield and Westertown, where their cattle may consume the fodder.

LITERATURE.

THE under-mentioned VALUABLE and INTERESTING BOOKS have been published, since the commencement of the present winter, by R. PHILLIPS, No. 71. St Paul's Church Yard, and they may also be had of Will. Mudie, South Bridge, and E. Balfour, Adam's Square Edinburgh, and the other Booksellers.

PUBLIC CHARACTERS of 1799-1800, containing Biographical Memoirs of fifty distinguished living persons, in one large volume octavo, price 9s. in boards. Also the former volume of the same Work for 1798-9, price 8s. 6d. in boards.

The ANNUAL NECROLOGY, consisting of Memoirs of the distinguished persons who died in every part of the world in the years 1797 and 8; and containing also various articles of neglected Biography, in one very large octavo volume, price 10s. 6d in boards.

TRAVELS through the United States of NORTH AMERICA, the Iroquois and the Canadas, in the years 1795, 7, and 8, by the Duke de la Rochefoucault Liancourt; in two large volumes quarto, price 2l. 14s. in boards.

ROMULUS; or, A Tale of Ancient Times: Translated from the German of A. Lafontaine, by the Rev. P. Will. Two volumes duodecimo, price 8s. in boards.

WALPOLIANA; consisting of original Bon Mots, Apophthegms, Observations on Life and Literature, with extracts from unpublished letters of the late Horace Walpole, Earl of Orford; in two elegant volumes, foolscape octavo, price 9s. in boards.

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIRS of Two Hundred of the FOUNDERS of the FRENCH REPUBLIC, and of the Actors in the course of the Revolution, revised and corrected to the present time. Two volumes duodecimo, price 10s in boards.

An Authentic Narrative of the DUTCH EMBASSY to the EMPEROR of CHINA, in the years 1794-5, (subsequent to that of the Earl of Macartney) by A. E. Van Braam; in two volumes octavo, price 12s. in boards.

The BRITISH NEPOS, or Mirror of Youth; being select Lives of illustrious Britons, who have distinguished themselves by their virtues, talents, or remarkable advancement in life; written purposely *for the Use of Schools*, on the principle that example is more powerful and seductive than Precept; by WILLIAM MAVOR, LL. D. Vicar of Hurley, Berkshire; a second edition, in one volume duodecimo, with several plates. Price 4s. 6d. bound.

NATURAL HISTORY for the Use of Schools, founded on the Linnæan arrangement of Animals, with popular descriptions in the manner of Goldsmith and Buffon, *by the Author of the British Nepos*; in one volume duodecimo, embellished with forty-six copper-plates, representing one hundred and fifty objects; price 4s. 6d. bound.

And in a few Days will be Published,

The UNIVERSAL BIOGRAPHICAL and HISTORICAL DICTIONARY, including all ages and countries, by John Watkins, A. M. LL. D. in one very large octavo volume, price Half-a-Guinea.

LETTERS from ITALY, between the years 1792 and 1798, by Mariana Starke, Author of "The Widow of Malabar," "The Tournament," &c. In two volumes 8vo, 14s. boards.

ENGLISH STATE LOTTERY for 1799.
Begins Drawing the 3d of March 1800.

THE TICKETS are sold and divided into Halves, Quarters, Eighths, and Sixteenths,

BY
HAZARD, BURNE, & CO.
STOCK-BROKERS,
AT THEIR STATE LOTTERY OFFICE,
No. 93, under the Royal Exchange, London, and no where else on their account.

Letters, *post-paid*, duly answered, and schemes *gratis*.

*** Orders, accompanied with short dated bills on London, or Post-Office Orders, punctually attended to; and to prevent mistakes as well as delay, Correspondents are requested to transmit them by post.

Bank, India, and South Sea Stocks, with their several annuities, India Bonds, Exchequer Bills, and all kind of Government Securities, bought and sold by commission.

PRESENT PRICE OF SHARES.

Half,	L. 8 2 0	Eighth,	L. 2 1 0
Quarter,	4 2 0	Sixteenth,	1 1 0

☞ From the very peculiar circumstances in which the present Lottery stands, Mess. HAZARD and Co. feel themselves warranted in giving it as their most decided opinion, That the Price of tickets cannot possibly fall, but, on the contrary, will rise materially as the Drawing approaches. Proposals, therefore, of returning the Difference to Purchasers, should a fall take place, independent of their being inconsistent with their principles of fair trading, hold out, in fact, no advantage whatever, it being scarcely possible such an event should happen.

PERTH—Dec. 16. 1799.

On Friday, the 20th, will be ready for Sale at
WILL. MORISON's,
ALL THE SCOTCH ALMANACKS,
And subjoined to each complete
PERTHSHIRE LISTS.

Just Published, and to be seen at W. M.'s Shop,
An APPENDIX to his CATALOGUE of BOOKS on Sale, published in September last, containing many scarce and valuable articles, more particularly on Biblical and Theological subjects.

For Port Morant, Morant Bay, Black River, Savannah-la-Mar Green Island and Lucea, Jamaica,

THE SHIP TRUE BRITON,
JAMES PATTERSON Master;
AND,
For Rio Bueno, Martha Brae, Montego Bay, and places adjacent,
THE SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES,
COLIN CAMPBELL Master.

Both ships are now taking on board cargo in this harbour, and it is intended they shall join convoy from Cork or England, and to be clear to sail in all this month.

For freight or passage apply to Campbell, Ruthven, & Co. Greenock, or John Finlayson, Glasgow.

Greenock, Dec. 11. 1799.

Wanted for Jamaica,

2 COOPERS,	2 MASONS,
2 HOUSE CARPENTERS	6 YOUNG MEN from the
1 MILL WRIGHT,	Country for Planters.

LONDON GAZETTE—Dec. 21.

WAR-OFFICE—December 21.

33th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Ensigns R. Macrae, from the 72d foot W. S. Madden, from the 72d foot. Second Lieutenant A. Wilder, from the 21st foot. Ensigns E. Hare, from the 2d foot. G. Way, from the 69th foot. A. Shaw, from the 69th foot. M. Draffen, from the 55th foot. D. Maclean, from the 42d foot. R. J. Dunn, from the 18th foot. A. Fraser, from the 42d foot.

To be Quarter-Master—Quarter Master Serjeant P. Steel, vice Jackson, promoted in the 20th foot.

40th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants—Ensigns George Rooke, from the 37th foot. O'Kane Cameron, from the 79th foot. G. Cooper, from the 69th foot. D. Seton, from the 71st foot. H. Halsall, from the 48th foot. W. Fraser, from the 79th foot. R. Hunt, from the 83d foot. Second Lieutenant D. Fyffe, from the 21st foot. Ensigns A. Proudfoot, from the 26th foot. J. B. Glew, from the 48th foot. C. F. Tolfrey, from the 26th foot. N. Andora, from the 48th foot.

49th Ditto—Lieutenant ——— Ormond, from the Sussex fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Pratt, promoted in the 9th foot.

55th Ditto— ——— Macdonald, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Draffen, promoted in the 35th foot.

69th Regiment of Foot.

To be Ensigns—James Shevia, without purchase, vice Hawshaw, whose appointment does not take place. Lieutenant ——— Richardson, from the Tyrone militia, without purchase, vice Smith, promoted in the 9th foot. James M'Donnell, without purchase, vice Shaw, promoted in the 35th foot. Alexander Bissett, without purchase, vice Cooper, promoted in the 40th foot. Robert Carey, without purchase, vice Webb, promoted in the 9th foot.

79th Ditto—Volunteer Duncan Cameron to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Lodge, removed to the 31st foot. William Marshall, late Lieutenant in the Northern Fencibles, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Cameron, promoted in the 40th foot. Thomas Mylne, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Fraser, promoted in the 40th foot.

92d Ditto—Volunteer John Cameron, from the 55th foot, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Bishop, whose appointment does not take place.

ST. JAMES'S.

Serjeant-Major James Lee, from the 1st Foot Guards, to be Provost-Marshall, with the rank of Captain in the army, on the Continent of Europe only.

MEMORANDUM.

The appointment of Lieutenant William Langley, from the East York Militia, to be Captain of a troop in the Royal Waggon Train, as stated in the Gazette of the 15th October last, has not taken place.

ERRATA in the Gazettes of the 19th March, 8th October, 2d, 9th, and 26th November, 10th and 14th December inst.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards.

For ——— Jenkinson, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice *Lord Petersham, promoted in the 10th Light Dragoons*,—Read ——— Jenkinson, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice *Sedley, promoted*.

4th Regiment of Foot.

For Volunteer John M'Gregor, from the 55th foot, to be Ensign, vice *Brown, deceased*,—Read Volunteer John M'Gregor, from the 55th foot, to be Ensign.

51st Regiment of Foot.

For Langford *Redmond*, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Cole, who retires,—Read Langford *Redwood*, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Cole, who retires.

Royal Waggon Train.

For Quarter-Master ——— Kean, from 15th Light Dragoons, to be *Cornet*,—Read Quarter-Master ———Kean, from 15th Light Dragoons, to be *Lieutenant*.

London.

DECEMBER 25.

Capt. Sir Home Popham returned to town on Monday; the Inspector sloop of war, in which he had embarked for Cuxhaven, on his way to Petersburgh, being obliged to put back by contrary winds. The vessel in which Mr Hunter, the messenger, took his passage, has also returned, and put into Harwich. The river Elbe is entirely frozen up.

Sunday forenoon, the Russian Ambassador arrived at the Fountain Inn, Portsmouth, where all the Russian officers remaining there were introduced to him by General d'Essen. His errand to Portsmouth is to enquire particularly into the nature of the disorder that continues to carry off so many of the troops belonging to his nation. The hospital ships now appropriated for their accommodation are the Britannia, Pegale, and Portland. We lament to add, that the distemper is but little or nothing abated.

Government, desirous to controul the ruinous spirit of stock-jobbing, are stated to have sent instructions to the Mayor of Dover, in the event of the expected arrival of a flag of truce from France, not to permit any papers to be landed for 24 hours after the departure of the official dispatches.

The Dutch Admiral Story is gone to reside at Croydon on his parole. His excursions through the neighbouring country are illimited, but he is not to come within ten miles of the capital.

The dispatch of the first division of East India ships, is appointed to take place soon after the holidays.

The Prince of Wales has presented Mr Kemble with a beautiful gold box, as a token of approbation for his exquisite performance of Rolla, in the play of Pizarro.

There are now forming, in the county of Sussex, Female Societies for literary pursuits. One of these, we are informed, has lately been instituted at Chichester, where not only the *Belles Lettres* are read, but philosophical researches pursued with ardour and attention which reflects on the fair promoters of the Society the highest honour.

The quantity of tobacco annually consumed in China appears almost incredible. Upwards of one hundred thousand tons weight of this (as the Chinese term) salubrious weed, are stated to be the yearly consumption; but this immense quantity will not appear so prodigious, when it is considered that smoking is universally practised in China, and by all ranks and ages. Children, as soon as they have strength or dexterity to hold a pipe in their hands, are taught by their parents to smoke, which they use not only as an habitual amusement, but it is even commanded by the Emperor throughout his dominions, it being considered as a sovereign preservative against all kinds of contagious disease.

The Chinese have got into a method of making their tea into solid cakes of about two pounds weight each, the solidity of which preserves it from the weather, and hence its pristine virtues are kept preserved. The tea thus consolidated will keep for years, without losing either its flavour or strength, and is in this state much preferred to the general method now in use.

MANSION-HOUSE.—Saturday Richard Wheeler and Mary Gray were charged before the Lord Mayor, with picking the pocket of Mrs Wright, of a pocket-book, containing a draft on a banker for 6l. 7s. and other papers.—Mrs Wright deposed, that on the preceding day, about three o'clock, as she was about to cross Snow Hill, where boards are put up to enclose the spot on which a house lately fell down, she was accosted by the two prisoners, Wheeler offering her his arm, as if to assist her in crossing the street, but declining his offer, she was surrounded by several people, and as soon as she had passed from among them, some person called out to know whether she had lost any thing? when putting her hand to her pocket, she missed the book, and presently after this a person held it up, when she recognized it as her property.—At the time she owned the pocket book, the prisoners were already in custody. She was confident that the two prisoners were among those who pressed round her, and also that Wheeler was the man who offered her his arm. A constable deposed, that he saw the prosecutrix crossing the street amidst a number of reputed thieves, and perceiving one of them lift up her gown, suspected she had been robbed, and therefore called out to know if she had lost any thing, when the suspected parties attempted to escape, but he, with the assistance of another officer, secured the two prisoners. They were both very genteelly dressed, and were committed for trial.

The price of bread has been raised a whole assize to-day. The quartern loaf now sells for 1s. 2½d.

JEAN PREVOT's EXECUTION.

Yesterday about one o'clock the above offender was removed from Newgate (pursuant to his sentence for the murder of Captain Wilcox of the Lady Shore transport) to Execution Dock, attended by the Sheriff and the City Officers, where he was launched into eternity about three o'clock in the afternoon, amidst a vast concourse of people assembled on the occasion. This unhappy culprit appeared not to be more than 17 years of age, and at the time he was removed from the condemned cell, was not the least affected with his situation. On entering the cart a settled smile appeared on his countenance, which continued, with momentary intervals, till he arrived at the place of execution.

PARIS—December 15.

General Moreau has resigned the command of the army of the Rhine.

The two Legislative Commissions passed the last night at the Thuilleries, where the Consuls joined them.—The Assembly were employed in fixing the number of the members of the Legislative Body, which was reduced to three hundred.

They then proceeded to form the lists of candidates. The difficulty of such a task in a numerous assembly determined them to leave the nomination to the Consuls, aided by six co-adjutors, who are to be joined to them for the purpose. This will expedite the work.

There passed through Ratisbon, 11 Frimaire (December 2.) a courier from Petersburgh, who went to the Russian head-quarters. He brings the news that the Grand Duke ALEXANDER PAULOWITZ, the eldest son of the Emperor PAUL, has formally resigned his right of succession to the throne, and that in consequence Prince CONSTANTINE PAULOWITZ has been named successor to his Imperial Majesty.

STOCKS

No business done this day being Christmas.

Caledonian Mercury.

EDINBURGH—DECEMBER 28.

The French papers, which have been received down to the 17th instant, contain a copy of the New Constitution for the government of France.—In our last we gave the leading features of it. The details are too long for our insertion to-day, but we shall take another opportunity of laying them before our readers.

The Constitution is now under discussion in the intermediate Committees; and, as soon as it shall be finally digested, it is to be presented to the people at large for their assent. They are to be allowed three days in each Commune to register their acceptance or refusal of it, in a book to be opened for the purpose; and in the mean time they are to be saved the trouble of choosing representatives, or of exercising any civil right in organizing this new fabric. The Government and the Legislature are all to be appointed without the interference of the people, that the machine may be set in motion; but afterwards, that is, in the course of the year 9, the elections are to commence, and from that time France will have the form and semblance of a representation purely aristocratical, but by which every Citizen may be said to be eligible to every office. The powers entrusted to the Government are larger and subject to less controul than in the most of the Sovereignities of Europe. The people have no balance in the independent spirit of a popular Legislature, emanating directly from themselves, against the influence of the Government; and there is no means provided by which public vigilance and jealousy can be felt as a check on the inroads of power.

Many, however, may persuade themselves, that in this form of a Constitution they see something that promises repose to Europe. We wish we could agree with such; but on the contrary, we see nothing of permanency in it; and we shall be much mistaken indeed, if it last for more than two years. BUONAPARTE and his adherents will be swept away, like their predecessors in power, to make room for others.

We understand that it is not until this new self-elected Government shall be installed, that BUONAPARTE, its chief, means to promulgate the terms upon which he is willing to give peace to Europe. The accounts from France say, that by the 28th of this month, these terms would be made known to the public, and that their moderation would be a proof of the sincerity of the Consuls in their desire of giving repose to the world. We know not why this date is mentioned, as the new Constitution cannot certainly be established by that time through the voice of the people. We state however the report as it comes to us without a commentary.

No other material intelligence has been received by these French papers. We have learnt nothing more respecting the proposal of an armistice with the Austrians, but in a letter from Stutgard, it is rumoured negociations have been proposed through the Courts of Madrid and Berlin. Little credit, however, is due to such a letter.

Four Hamburgh mails are now due.

VANNES—Dec. 5.

The three English frigates which appeared in our offing have fully accomplished their object on the coast of Premelen. The 22d of last month the Chouans, to the number of 10,000 men, armed and unarmed, put themselves in march for Muzillac. From 60 to 80 carts, escorted by those who were in arms, repaired from this place to the sea side. At one o'clock in the morning the firing of a cannon gave the signal of debarkation, and on the 28th, in the morning, the carriages returned loaded with powder, ammunition, silver, &c. Six barrels, which one of the Chiefs never quitted, are said to be full of money.—They also brought along with them four six-pounders and two howitzers.

Two thousand marine troops which arrived at Vannes marched to attack them. They fell in with them at the distance of half a league from St Nelf. The action lasted from noon till past four o'clock. The rebels were repulsed with the loss of 200 men killed and wounded, whom, however, they carried off. Their convoy filed off at Plendren:—The night, and the want of ammunition, forced the Republicans to return to Vannes.

WHITEHALL—Dec. 24. 1799.

The King has been pleased to appoint Mr Walter Scott, advocate, to be Sheriff-depute of the shire or sheriffdom of Selkirk, in the room of Mr Andrew Plummer.

The King has also been pleased to appoint Dr James Gregory to be first physician to his Majesty in Scotland, in the room of Dr Joseph Black, deceased.

The King has also been pleased to appoint the Rev. John Rogers to be assistant and successor to the Rev. William M'Leish, Minister of Collace, in the presbytery and county of Perth.

The King has also been pleased to appoint the Rev. Hugh Ross to be Preacher of the church or chapel at Cromarty, vacant by the death of the Rev. William Ross.

A letter from Thurso, dated December 14, says,—"We have been favoured with a better harvest in comparison of others, for which a public thanksgiving is appointed for next week."

A correspondent recommends, when the building of Leith harbour commences, the quarrying and removing as much as possible the Beacon rocks; the stones would answer well for filling up the interior parts of the building; and by this means also the danger to vessels in coming in and going out of the harbour would be considerably lessened.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Ayrshire militia have subscribed 55l. 16s. 4½d. towards the relief of the widows, orphans, &c. of the men who fell in Holland.

The Strath Endrick troop of gentlemen and yeomen cavalry, commanded by Captain P. SPEIRS of Culcruich, was reviewed on Tuesday the 17th current, in a field near Buchanan House, by his Grace the DUKE OF MONTROSE, Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire. An elegant standard, wrought by Miss G. SPEIRS, was presented to the troop, and consecrated by the Rev. Mr GRAHAM, their chaplain; after which the troop went through several evolutions, and performed the sword exercise in a manner highly satisfactory to the Lord Lieutenant and a numerous assemblage of spectators. After the review, the officers and privates were invited to Buchanan house, and partook of a plentiful dinner, at which his Grace presided, and where they spent the evening with the utmost harmony and cheerfulness.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY.

On Thursday the Court proceeded in the trial of JAMES STEVEN, *alias* DOUGLAS, accused of stealing an ox from a park at Clerkington, upon the evening of the 23d of July last. Various witnesses proved that he was seen driving the ox on the high way, and brought it to town during night, and that he slaughtered it in a booth in the neighbourhood of this city. The skin was produced and sworn to by the owner. The Jury returned a verdict of *Guilty*, and the Court sentenced him to 14 years transportation, the Public Prosecutor having restricted the libel to an arbitrary punishment.

It appeared the pannel was originally bred a slater in Arbroath, and afterwards became a flesher there. Previous, however, to committing this crime, he had wrought in this city as a slater for some weeks.

Counsel for the Crown—LORD ADVOCATE, and JOHN BURNETT, Esq. Advocate.—*Agent*, HUGH WARRENDER.

For the Pannel—JOHN PETER GRANT, and GEORGE DOUGLAS, Esq. Advocates. *Agent* A. L. RAMAGE, W. S. and ALEX. GRANT, jun. Writer, Edinburgh.

FORESTALLING THE MARKET.

Owing to a pressure of temporary matter, we are prevented from detailing the evidence and the speeches of Council in the above trial. The deposition of the following witness, however, is of too much importance to be omitted, not so much on account of its application to the cause before the Court, but in so far as it goes to prove a species of regrating and forestalling butcher meat, in the consequences of which the public interest is deeply involved:—

GEORGE LAURIE, flesher, being sworn, said he knew Thomson and Bald *. Met with the former one day when he was going in search of byre cows to purchase. They went into Bald's house, where Thomson offered to sell him the side of an ox, for which he asked six shillings per stone, but he did not then purchase it as not being fully fat, or worth that price.

Recollects THOMSON two days after, bringing the half of an ox to the market, which he the witness purchased for 4s. 6d. per stone.

Q. by the Court. "Is it usual for fleshers to buy "half or whole carcasses in that way in the market."

Wit. "*Yes, I have often done so, and fleshers frequently purchase from one another. The Dalkeith fleshers bring many whole carcasses to the market, which are purchased by the fleshers here.*"

The obvious effect of such a practice must be to enhance the prices of butcher meat; and certainly this is precisely what the law points at when it enacts pains and penalties upon regraters and forestallers. We hope those gentlemen whose duty it is to attend to matters of this kind, will not suffer such a practice to be continued, for these are not times for tolerating public impositions.

* Thomson was the intimate acquaintance of the pannel, and Bald was the person in whose booth the animal was killed.

BETTING.

The following betts are stuck up in the Neptune Coffeehouse in Greenock, the winnings to go to the Public Kitchen, and to be referred to the University of Glasgow:

Negative Betts—equal.

That the present or current year which ends with the 31st day of this present month of December, in the 40th year of the King's reign, is *not* the year 1799.

That the next year which begins with the 1st day of January next to come, will *not* be the year 1800.

Positive Betts 2 to 1.

That the last year which immediately preceded the 1st day of January last, *was* or *is* the year 1799.

That the present year, when ended with the 31st day of this present month of December, will then be the year 1800.

MARRIED.

On the 15th curt. at the house of James Grant, Esq. Gidingtons Sarat Herts, JAMES DOWNING, Esq. of the 73d regiment, to Miss MACDONELL, daughter of the deceased Duncan Macdonell, Esq. of Glengary.

On Monday the 23d curt. at Auchinleck, WM. BOSWELL, Esq. to Miss ELIZ. BOSWELL, daughter of the late James Boswell. Esq of Auchinleck.

BIRTH.

Mrs CARNEGIE FULERTOUN was safely delivered of a son at Kinnaber on the 18th inst.

DIED.

At Deebank near Kirkcudbright, on Saturday the 14th December, ALEXANDER GORDON, Esq. of Campbelton.

At Boghead, near Elgin, upon the 23d. Capt. JOHN GORDON, late of Laggan.

At Greenock, suddenly, on Tuesday last, Mr ROBERT RAE WOOD, son of Mr Gabriel Wood there, a promising young man, 18 years of age.

RELIEF OF THE POOR.

The Committee who were appointed by the General Meeting of the Inhabitants held on the 21st current, in the High Church Aisle, met in the Merchant's Hall on Thursday last. It was remitted to them, "to take into consideration the present situation of the poor, both as to food and fuel, and to suggest the best means of relieving them, and particularly of increasing the supply of grain till next harvest; and to report to a subsequent meeting."

To this Committee, Mr WALTER WOOD submitted the outlines of a plan for the immediate relief of the poor of this city, during the present scarcity and dearness of provisions, which was the first thing brought under the view of the meeting; but though it seemed to all the Gentlemen to be unexceptionable, they came to no decision upon it; and therefore Mr WOOD withdrew it. They appointed a Sub-Committee to consider, whether a fund should be raised by voluntary contribution, or by assessment on the valued rent, and to report to a subsequent meeting of the Committee; of an assessment Mr WOOD entirely disapproved, and recommended a subscription. The assessments levied at present within the city, amount to 10l. per cent. viz. 6l. per cent of city's cess, 2l. per cent. poor's money for the Charity Work-house, and the temporary cess of 2l. per cent. for the wives and families of soldiers. Each 2l. per cent. produces about 1100l. and this mode he apprehends would be but a bad criterion for applying a part of the means of the rich, to relieve the wants and necessities of the poor, as the assessment would fall on many individuals who are but ill calculated to bear it, some of them rather requiring aid. Conceiving, therefore, that some immediate relief is necessary, he has taken the liberty of submitting his plan to the public, that they may have an opportunity to consider and improve it:—

PLAN, &c.

IN devising a mode for relieving the poorer and industrious classes of society, in a time of such scarcity as the present, the first object undoubtedly is, to prevent all waste in the article of food, and economise, as much as possible, the stock of corn and other articles of provision.

Though it may be extremely desirable to augment the stock of corn in the country, by means of importation from foreign parts, yet it would be very impolitic, if societies, formed for the purpose of relieving the necessities of the indigent, were they to engage in such importations. By doing so, they would only occupy the place of the merchant, and tend to discourage the endeavours of those whose business, and even whose interest it is, to bring supplies from those markets affording a superfluity, to places where a scarcity exists. By their knowledge and experience they are infinitely better qualified to undertake such adventures than any society of persons can be without such experience. Government, in order to meet the scarcity which existed a few years ago, not only gave a high bounty on importation, prohibited the home distilleries, but, in the character of merchants, became importers of immense quantities of corn from all quarters. This was found very discouraging to the trade of the regular merchant, and upon the whole not to answer the purpose in view; for more recently, Government have signified that no such interference is again to take place, consequently, it is left to the merchant alone to supply the wants of the country; and as he will expect a profit on his trade, so he will not be backward in running risks to accomplish his object.

What applies to the country at large, applies equally to smaller communities, and if there be any impolicy in the Government of this country taking into their own hands the trade of importation, it must be equally impolitic in a community, such as Edinburgh, to adopt a plan which has been proved by experience not to answer. Neither can such importation be attempted at present; all communication with the Baltic and the Continent being now shut for at least four months to come.

To transport corn from one part of the island to another, would only change the seat of the inconvenience without curing the evil; not to mention the danger of obstruction on the part of the inhabitants of that district from whence such supplies were to be drawn; indeed, a spirit of jealousy to this effect begins already to manifest itself in the inhabitants of several parts of Scotland.

Leaving therefore the trade of importation to the merchant, let us return to the consideration of economy; and nothing tends so much to frustrate economical plans as the accounts which we see daily inserted in the news-papers of great and fresh importations, and of the expectations which are thereby held out of a reduction of prices. These accounts are often false, and inserted probably to intimidate the holders of corn. The information and intelligence of the holders are, for the most part, superior to newspaper accounts, so that without answering the purpose, its direct tendency is to lay asleep the fears of the public, throw them off their plans of economy, and occasion to them ultimately, a double portion of disappointment.

Of the same effect must be any plan which has for its object the reduction of the prices below the natural level of the market.

The people are thereby led to imagine that the scarcity is but temporary, and occasioned by artificial causes. Having thereby no wants, they have naturally few cares. Their money at the reduced prices probably procures them three pecks of meal, for what they would otherwise require to pay for two.—The consumption goes on as if in a year of the greatest plenty, and the error of such a system, by relieving in the interim the wants and the cares of the indigent, is not discovered till it lands the country in a famine. The people must therefore be compelled, in a certain degree, to observe the strictest œconomy, for to be cruel in this respect is to be kind.

Let those who can afford it, pay the full and highest market prices for their daily consumption. This is a strong incentive to œconomy, while it operates most powerfully on the endeavours of the merchant to supply our markets with corn from distant parts, in the natural course of trade. If this spirit shall be removed, and our merchants shall become inactive, it might not be in the power of private associations to save us.

At the same time that these general observations occur, it must be admitted, that the wants of the poor of this city, and even of the industrious labourer and artizan, require, in a high degree, the aid of the affluent in the present circumstances, and this does not even admit of delay. They already call for the support of the public, and that support must be instantly afforded.

For the purpose of accomplishing this object, it is necessary there be immediately raised an adequate sum of money, by means of a voluntary contribution.

It will be difficult to fix upon any mode of administering this relief, which is not subject to some inconvenience and objections; for certainly nothing is more difficult than to draw the line between those who require the aid and those who do not. This must, in many instances, be regulated by the discretion of the persons entrusted with the management of the fund.

One class of persons particularly demanding attention are those who live by their industry, but who, being either confined by sickness, or burdened with a family of young children, must be subject at present to great hardships. This class undoubtedly require support to be administered to them either in

money, or in coals or meal* at reduced prices, at the sight of gentlemen who have ascertained their exact situation, and who will take care that there be as little abuse as possible.

Another class is the children of those people of industry, and orphans of the age of from six to twelve years.—— In order to save this part of the rising generation from ruin, let a public asylum be immediately opened for their reception, where they shall receive education and religious instruction, and where they may also, at a small expence, have their breakfast and dinner, and be permitted to return in the evening to their respective homes.

This, while it would be the means of almost saving the children from perishing, would, in a considerable degree, relieve the parents at once of the expence of their food and education, permitting them to turn their whole attention to industrious purposes, and to the still younger members of their families; it will at the same time lessen the necessity of distributing meal at reduced prices, which it would otherwise be necessary to grant, in a larger degree, if the families were permitted to remain together, and would be productive of a considerable saving in the consumption; for, in the one way, waste would be unavoidable, while in the other the most rigid economy would be observed. Upon this plan, the children are brought from obscurity into public view. Parents wishing them to go to apprenticeships, give them thereby an opportunity of being seen and sought after.

Tradesmen and manufacturers wishing to have apprentices will know where to apply; and thus the children, instead of sinking under the present distress, will be turned into the paths of industry and virtue, contributing in an essential degree to the prosperity of the State.

A third class are the wives of industrious tradesmen, and widows or single women, who, by their situation and circumstances are prevented from rendering their labour productive. This is owing perhaps to their want of capital with which to purchase lint or other materials to work upon, or to a want of confidence in them by the manufacturer, or persons in the line of giving them employment, who often do not choose to trust their property in their hands. This class might earn by spinning from 4d. to 6d. per day, or between 2 and 3s. per week each, which would be a great addition to their support and maintenance.

To obviate the difficulties in the situation of this class, let a house of industry be prepared, into which they shall be received, each woman bringing with her a spinning wheel. Those having no wheels may be furnished with them.

In this house let them be accommodated with comfortable apartments, firing, and every necessary material.—— them be paid for their labour at the highest manufacturing prices; and, in addition to their earnings, if it shall be thought necessary, let them receive breakfast and dinner, and be permitted to return at night to their several homes, or, if more expedient, let them supply themselves with food from the Public Kitchen, or according to their own choice, and instead thereof let them be paid for their labour at the rate of one-third, or any given proportion more than the manufacturing prices, which would operate as a greater incitement to their industry. This relieves them of the expence of fuel at home, and is the surest means of turning their labour to account.

When the necessary portion of relief shall be afforded to the three classes of people above mentioned in the manner suggested, it is thought that very little, if any thing more, remains to be done; and it will not be found upon investigation that either of the two classes consisting of the women and children will prove so exceedingly numerous, as most people unacquainted with the state of the lower ranks of the inhabitants of this city might be led at first to imagine, and the sum of money necessary for carrying this plan completely into effect, with respect to them, will be found to be greatly less than the loss upon importing and distributing meal at reduced prices, to an equal number of people, would amount to. It is calculated upon the best information which a subject of this kind admits of, that not more than 400 children nor more than 200 women at the utmost, will take the benefit of the asylum and house of industry, and the expence of maintaining these, upon the plan abovementioned, for a period of six months, at the present high price of provisions, would not amount to a sum exceeding 1200l. to 1300l. and this will include the expence of sundry articles of furniture and utensils necessary to be provided.

If the above plan in its three branches, were introduced, and properly encouraged by the public, the poor of this city might be considered as sufficiently provided for.——Besides the many public institutions of a charitable nature, such as the Trinity Hospital for old people—the Asylum for the industrious blind——the many hospitals for the reception of children—the Public Dispensary—the Magdalene—the fund for the partial support of the wives and families of soldiers and sailors in the service of their country—Horn's mortification, and the like, which are at all times useful charities, but particularly so in such times as the present, there is the Charity Work-house, to which every *indigent* inhabitant may have recourse upon no other recommendation than a certificate of their poverty and of three years residence.

The funds of the Charity Work-house have for some years past, been equal to the expence of supporting all the poor of the city who have chosen to take the benefit of it.

There is also the Royal Infirmary for the reception of the sick, an institution of the utmost utility, into which they are readily admitted. And likewise the new institution of the Public Kitchen, which promises to be of very great utility to the industrious and to the poorer classes of the inhabitants, and which will bear a due proportion of the wants of the necessitous.

It may probably be thought foreign to the present subject, to touch at all upon the Bridewell institution, but while the inhabitants come forward frankly and liberally in aid of the necessities of the indigent, they have right to expect the utmost exertions of the police in the suppression of begging upon our streets, and in the punishment of vagrants.——Without the strictest attention to this, no person can pass along our streets unmolested, and the charity of the unsuspecting is often diverted from its proper object to the support not only of the poor belonging to other parishes, but also to encourage the idle and the profligate. For these weighty and important purposes, the act of Parliament which regulates the Bridewell, makes admirable provision, and ought to be well and duly enforced.

* When meal is to be given, it would not be necessary for the managers of the fund to provide a large stock of this article, but to establish a correspondence or agreement with the sellers of meal, to be supplied at the market price. On these dealers the managers would give out *tickets*, entitling the bearer to a given quantity of meal, either gratis, or at so much per peck *under* the agreed price. These tickets would form a charge upon the fund, and thus the energy of the dealer would be preserved, while the *loss* or expence to the fund would be rendered much less than by laying up stocks, and preventing so far as that goes, the free circulation of the commodity. The whole transaction would thereby flow in an easy channel, without exciting alarm to the public, or giving much trouble to the managers.

Such is the outline of the plan which was on Thursday last, laid before the Committee, by Mr Wood.—He will now detail, shortly, the mode he had in view for reducing it to practice.

Next in importance to the raising of a fund by subscription, is the appointment of a proper Committee of Management—Let this consist of men of the best information, with respect to the situation and circumstances of the industrious, and the poorer ranks of society; and in order that the united wisdom and intelligence of the community may be called forth, and brought into action, let each contributor, to the extent of Five Guineas, be a member of the committee, and have a voice in the disposal of the money, and in every species of the management;—Every such contributor not choosing to act himself, or having greater confidence, with respect to this business, in the opinion and activity of another, to be entitled to appoint any other person (being a contributor for any sum) to act for him. Any five, or smaller number of persons, contributing five guineas amongst them, to be entitled in like manner to nominate one manager.

These managers to be formed into sub-committees, who will visit and ascertain the situation of the poor in different districts.

Although the plan now submitted is intended only for the relief of the industrious poor of the city of Edinburgh, or in other words, of the 10 parishes within the Royalty, yet as some individuals may be of opinion, that it ought to be more extensive and to include the neighbouring parishes, Mr Wood does not mean at present to say that the plan ought not to embrace such an object; but this must necessarily depend on the neighbouring parishes themselves, such as Leith, Canongate, and West Church, in coming quickly forward with their approbation of the scheme and in aid of the fund. As contributors only will be the managers, it will remain with them to determine to whom, and to what extent, the relief is to be given. The amount of subscriptions from each of these neighbouring parishes can be easily known, which will serve to guide the distribution.

A house by itself, well adapted for the school, and house of industry, which can be had without expence, is now ready to be opened, whenever the plan shall be approved of.

All subscribers to the amount of 5 guineas or upwards, to be entitled to present any woman or a boy or girl to the benefit of the charity for a period of not more than six months.

It is computed at the present price of provisions, that the sum of two pounds or two guineas will be equal on the above plan to the maintenance of such woman, boy or girl for six months. By confining the right of presentation to contributors of five guineas something is at the same time secured for the other purposes of the institution.

POOR IN SOUTH DISTRICTS.

We are informed that a Committee of the Commissioners of the eight Southern Districts are appointed to consult with the Lord Provost and Magistrates about the immediate erection of a Public Kitchen for the Poor of those districts. The Commissioners have also appointed a Committee to prepare a plan for supplying their own poor with meal and other provisions at a reduced price. The outlines of the plan are as follows:—A voluntary contribution to be raised in each district, out of which its own poor will first be supplied; the overplus of the richer districts to be lodged in the hands of a general treasurer, who will parcel it out to the deficient districts in such proportion as shall be determined by the meeting of the Commissioners.—The Commissioners and resident members of the West Kirk Session, together with a sufficient number of other respectable inhabitants, to take charge of the poor in their own bounds; to collect for that purpose from door to door; to give no supply without visiting the family that applies for it; and each of them to visit weekly a few of the pensioners in their near neighbourhood, of whose circumstances and conduct they will be able to judge when they give them their weekly supply.

It is hoped that a plan so evidently calculated to serve the poor, without occasioning any more expence than is absolutely necessary, will meet with the approbation of the public, and that contributions will be universal on this urgent occasion among all who have any thing to give. The wants of the poor may be easily and effectually supplied, and all waste of provisions may be avoided, when a small district is committed to the charge of a few respectable inhabitants, who live upon the spot, and can, with very little trouble, obtain every information respecting poor families, to whom they communicate the bounty of the public, with due attention to the wants, the industry, and the characters of those who apply for it.

THE POOR.

The LORD PROVOST requests the Inhabitants of the City and Suburbs to meet in the Aisle of the High Church, on Tuesday the 31st inst. at one o'clock, to receive the Report of the Committee appointed at the Meeting of Monday last, to take into consideration the present situation of the Poor.

Edinburgh. Dec. 27. 1799.

BELFAST,—December 13.

Yesterday the Public Kitchen was opened in Smithfield, when one quart of soup and a penny worth of bread was distributed to each of 233 poor persons. A similar measure for the relief of the poor has been set on foot at Antrim.

The Northern mail coach from Dublin was stopped on Saturday night about five o'clock at Ravensdale-park, between Dundalk and Newry, by a gang of robbers, who carried off the mail containing all the Northern bags. We hear nine persons have been apprehended at Newry suspected of this robbery.

We are extremely concerned to find that the spirit of outrage and faction has not yet finally ceased in the county of Armagh. On the night of the 15th inst. some diabolical wretches administered poison to a number of cattle, the property of Joseph Hall, and Co. on the lands of Clonmacute, county of Armagh; of which seven heifers and one bullock have since died! To destroy and render useless for the sustenance of man, what is absolutely necessary for his existence, especially at such a period as the present, evinces not only the most inveterate malice, but a barbarity of sentiment, which we trust and hope, is confined to that district alone. Considerable rewards are offered by the gentlemen in that neighbourhood to persons who will discover and prosecute to conviction the offenders.

On the night of the 21st of November last, a private soldier of the 1st battalion of the county of Tyrone; and on the night of the 12th inst. another soldier of the same regiment was maimed in the like barbarous manner. A considerable reward is offered for the apprehension of the persons who committed this horrid act."

BENGAL—May 23.

It is highly probable that all the Philipine islands, of which Manilla is the chief, will fall into our possession; they consist of Mindanao, Tandago, Masbate, Mindro, Luban, Paragoia, Pancey, Leyta, Bohol, Sibu, Cibau, Negroes island, St John's and Xolo, and are more or less valuable, being tributary to the Spaniards. Tandago is only separated from Manilla by a narrow strait, and is 125 miles in length, and 100 in breadth; but of all these islands Pancy is the largest, being 200 miles in circumference, and is very populous and fertile. It is watered by a great number of rivers and brooks, and produces a large quantity of rice. Paragoia is defended by a strong fort, and lies between the Phillipines and Borneo. Leyta is about 40 leagues in length, and 95 in circumference. Its soil on the east side is very fertile; but there are very high mountains that cut it almost through the middle, and occasion so great an alteration in the air, that when it is winter on the north side, it is summer on the south side of the island. Thus when the inhabitants of one part of the island reap, the other sow, and they have two plentiful harvests in the year, to which the rivers descending from the above mentioned mountains not a little contribute. The island contains about 9000 inhabitants, who pay tribute to the Spaniards in rice, wax, and quilts.

LLOYD's MARINE LIST—Dec. 24.

The Cato, Parker, from Virginia to London, has been taken by a privateer, retaken by two frigates, and arrived at Cork.

The Mercury, Evans, from London to Liverpool, was captured 7th instant by two lugger privateers.

The Orion, Thrift, from Petersburg to London, is lost in the Swin. Crew saved.

The Governor L——e, ——, from London to Africa, is on shore on the Last Sand, and deserted by the crew; since which the Margate boats have got her off, and carried her into Whitstable.

The Dolphin, Hedden, from Embden to Lisbon, is got into Whitstable by the Margate boats after being on shore.

The Bee, Wallis, from London in ballast, is on shore near Yarmouth.

The St Peter, Soich, from Leghorn to London, is taken and carried into Carthagena.

The Pastora Spanish brig, from Cadiz to Vera Cruz, is taken by the Resolution of Guernsey, and was left off Lisbon the 21st November.

The Betsey, Cassen, sailed from Honduras the 11th July, and has not since been heard of.

WINDS AT DEAL.

Dec. 20, E. N. E. blows hard—21, do.—23, do. do.

MAILS.

Arrived——Ireland, 5.—Hamburgh, 0.—Lisbon, 0.
Due——Ireland, 9.—Hamburgh, 3.

ARRIVED IN BRASSY SOUND.

Nov. 23 Prosperous, Keith, from Bergen with lumber.
Providence, Campbell, from do. do.
Dec. 8 The Thames, Trapp, master, of Stockholm, from Sunderland, with coals, bound to Stockholm, came into Uyea Sound in Shetland, in distress, having sprung a leak, by which she had four feet water in the hold—lost all the sails and yards from the main-mast, several parts of the shrouds broke, one of the pumps broke away even with the deck, with other damages in the rigging, guard-boards, &c.

CUPAR CORN MARKET, Dec. 26.

Wheat	from	L 1 10 0	to	L 1 16 0
Barley	——	L 1 0 0	——	L 1 5 0

HADDINGTON, Dec. 27.

	Wheat.	*Barley.*	*Oat..*	*Peafe.*	*Beans.*
First	62s 0d	33s 6d	31s 6d	30s 0d	30s 0d
Second	42s 0d	29s 0d	28s 0d	26s 0d	26s 0d
Third	30s 0d	26s 0d	26s 0d	20s 0d	20s 0d

Old Peafe, 36s.

HIGH WATER AT LEITH.

			Morn. H. M.	*Even.* H. M.
Sunday,	Dec. 29.	—	4 38	5 6
Monday,	—— 30.	—	5 30	0 55

CZAR BONNET.

GILCHRIST & CO. respectfully acquaint the Ladies, That they have just received by the Mail Coach, a few of the Beautiful CZAR BONNETS—an entire new invention.

N. B.—G. & Co. take this opportunity of acquainting their numerous Friends, both in town and country, that from the 1st of January 1800 they will allow discount for Ready Money on all articles of Haberdashery as well as Furniture.

Gallery of Fashion, High Street.

This Day is Published,
And Sold by all the Booksellers,
Embellished with
A MAP OF THE SEAT OF WAR IN M,DCC,XCIX.
THE
UNIVERSAL SCOTS ALMANACK,
FOR THE YEAR M,DCCC.
CONTAINING
A CORRECT KALENDAR,
With the Correspondent Days of the French Year;
ALSO
Every Useful List in England or Scotland.
AMONG THESE ARE
The Peerage of both Kingdoms, the House of Commons, Army, Navy, &c. &c.
Commissions, addressed to R. Allan, Publisher of the Caledonian Mercury, Fish-market, will be properly attended to.
Booksellers in the West Country will be supplied by J. and M. Robertson, Booksellers, Glasgow.

A CAPITAL TAVERN AND HOTEL
IN THE CITY OF EDINBURGH.
To be Let, for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THAT Large, Elegant, and Well-frequented TAVERN in the New Assembly Close, known by the name of the *King's Arms*; containing ten good rooms, one of which is 35 feet by 30 feet, with two kitchens, several cellars, water-pipe, and every other conveniency adapted to a large tavern.—Also, the Ball-room adjoining, which was formerly the Edinburgh Assembly Hall, and is much frequented as a place of exhibition and dancing-room, all belonging to the incorporation of St Mary's Chapel, and presently possessed by Mr John Reid. And if a tenant should incline to keep an Hotel, he may be accommodated with two houses immediately above the tavern, communicating with the same by a good stair, and in which there is an extensive suite of excellent lodging-rooms; and he may likewise have the occasional use of the Incorporation's Hall.

The premisses, about four years ago, were completely fitted up in a very superior stile, and may vie with any tavern in the kingdom for elegance and extent of accommodation; which, added to its easy access and central situation, must render it a most eligible place to any person capable of conducting such an undertaking, on an extensive and advantageous scale.

All the Furniture in the Ball-room, and the greater part of that in the kitchens, belong to the proprietors of the tavern, and the tenant will be accommodated with the use of it.

For particulars apply to Alexander Gardner, Exchequer, or John Ross, painter, Castlehill, present treasurer to the said Incorporations.

SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF EDINBURGH,
For the Redemption of Land Tax Session-House,
To be Sold, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th day of January, 1800, between the hours of one and three afternoon, in presence of the Sheriff-depute or his Substitute,

THAT PART of the Lands of the Entailed Estate of CARRINGTON or Primrose, called WOOD PARK, being part of the Lands of Westwood Quarter, with the Ground of those two pieces of natural wood, commonly called *Hendean*, and *Cockslean Woods*, lying on the north and west of the said Wood Park (but exclusive of the wood), amounting to 37 acres or thereby; and also, that Part of the Under Park of Westwood Quarter, immediately adjoining to the Minister's Glebe, amounting to two acres, upset price 868l. 1s. 4½d.

The title-deeds and articles of roup are in the hands of John Syme, W. S. who will inform as to other particulars.

STIRLINGSHIRE.

ADDITIONAL List of Game Certificates issued by the Sheriff Clerk of Stirlingshire, between the 19th of September and 24th of December 1799 years, both inclusive

John Buchanan, Esq. of Carbeth
Walter Brisbane, Esq. at Parkhall
Mr James Bell at Finglen Bank
Lieut. Archibald Colquhoun, Perthshire light dragoons
John Dundas, Esq. writer to the signet
Mr Alexander Geddes at Craigward
John Alexander Higgens of Newck, Esq. W. S.
Thomas Livingstone, Esq. of Parkhall
Major Alex. Munro, Royal Perthshire militia
Charles Park, Esq. of Parkhall

CERTIFICATES ON DEPUTATIONS.

Game Keepers.	*Granters of Deputations.*
Arch. Edmonston of Spittal to	Sir Arch. Edmonstone of Duntreath, Bart.
Duncan M'Laren, to	Thos. Dundas, Esq. of Fingask and Guardians
James M'Cowal near Balfunning, to	Walter Buchanan, Esq. of Balfunning

By Order of his Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties.
ALEX. DOW, Clerk Dep.
JOHN ERETTELL, Sec.

HEIRS WANTED.

IF the Nearest of Kin of MARGARET DAVIDSON, who died within these few days in Hay's Close, Leith, will call on the town-clerk of Leith, they will hear of something to their advantage.—She served for many years the late Lord Rockville, Provost Grieve, and in other respectable families about Edinburgh, and it is supposed had some friends in the parish of Currie. Not to be repeated.

Leith, Dec. 27. 1799.

THE BAKERS of the City of Edinburgh and neighbourhood, owing to the great increase of the price of wheat, both in the English and Scots market, are under the necessity of raising the price of bread one halfpenny on the quartern loaf, which is to commence on Monday first the 30th current; and as they now pay ready money for the most of the wheat they buy, it is expected their customers will pay their accounts weekly.

	Averdupois lib.	oz.	dr.
The penny standard wheaten loaf to weigh	0	4	13
Threepenny ditto	0	14	6
The quartern ditto	4	5	8

And to be sold for 1s. 2½d.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE MASTER SHOEMAKERS in and about LEITH, take this method of acquainting their Customers and the Public, that in consequence of the unparalleled rise on Leather for these last twelve months, they find themselves under the absolute necessity of raising the price of boots and shoes in proportion to the said rise, which is as follows:—English crop more than one third, Scots crop nigh one half, and bend double price.

The Tanners and Curriers having shortened the time of credit to three months, and as many of our articles cannot be had but for ready money, it is hoped our Customers will see the necessity of prompt payment in future.

Leith, Dec. 27. 1799.

Trustees Office, Edinburgh, Dec. 26. 1799.

THE Commissioners and Trustees for Manufactures, &c. do hereby give notice, that Joseph Kyd, Stampmaster of Linen at Bervie, having lately affixed the National Stamp intrusted to him upon ten pieces of cloth manufactured in the most improper manner, and wholly undeserving of the Stamp—the said Joseph Kyd is, on account of his misconduct, dismissed from the Office of Stampmaster.

By order of the Trustees,
ROB. & W. ARBUTHNOT, Secrs.

TO CREDITORS.

THE CREDITORS of MATHEW FORTUNE Vintner Edinburgh, whose debts were contracted prior to the 1st of July last, are requested to give in notes of the same with affidavits thereon to Messrs A. M. Guthrie, and Andrew Storie W. S. No 27 North Frederick Street, as there is a prospect of a dividend of his funds soon taking place.

TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of Messrs COCKBURN and ADIE late Wine Merchants at Limekilns, are requested to lodge before the 3d day of January next, with Mr Hunt, agent for the Bank of Scotland at Dunfermline, their claims against that Company, it being of the utmost importance to have the same ascertained immediately.

TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of the late ALLAN MACLEAN of Drimnin, and of Lieutenant-Colonel CHARLES MACLEAN of Kinlochaline, are requested by the common agent to meet in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on Tuesday the 14th day of January next, at one o'clock, to consider of a proposal made by Mrs Maclean of Kinlochaline, for compromising her claim against the estates of her husband, with a report of the committee of creditors on the subject.

Edinburgh, 4th Dec. 1799.

TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

ALL such persons as have claims against the late Samuel Murray, merchant in Kirkwall, will lodge states thereof, with the vouchers of their respective debts, with George Omond merchant, or James Smith, writer in Kirkwall, on or before the first day of May next; and all such persons as are indebted to the said deceased, will make immediate payment thereof to the said George Omond or James Smith, who have full powers to receive and discharge the same.

Kirkwall, Dec. 3. 1799.

TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of CHARLES STEWART, Tailor, No 35, Nicolson's Street, Edinburgh, are requested to meet at John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday next, the 2d day of January 1800, at one o'clock afternoon, and to produce their claims for a settlement, whereof proposals will then be made for the consideration of the meeting.

TO THE CREDITORS OF
KENNETH MACKENZIE, late Merchant in Dingwall.

AS it is expected that a final division of the Trust Funds will be accomplished at Whitsunday next, intimation is hereby given to those who hitherto have not acceded to the trust, or lodged with Mr Keay, Accountant, the trustee, states of their claims, the grounds thereof, and affidavits thereon; to do so on or before the 1st February next at farthest; with certification, that the same will not thereafter be received.

GRASS PARKS AT LEE.

To be Let at the House of Lee, by public roup, upon Monday the 3d February next, at 11 o'clock forenoon,

THE WHOLE PARKS that were in the possession of the late Mrs Lockhart of Lee, consisting of upwards of 200 acres.

SUBJECTS NEAR THE HEAD OF THE COWGATE
FOR SALE.

To be Sold by public roup, on Wednesday the 22d January 1800, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at two o'clock afternoon in the following lots:

Lot I.—THE DWELLING-HOUSE, STABLE, and HAY LOFT, at the Bottom of the Candlemaker-row, possessed by Mr Ewart, stabler. The dwelling-house consists of three rooms, kitchen and two bed-closets—the stable contains upwards of 12 stalls, and the hay-loft is proportionably large.

II. The SHOP immediately below Mr Curtis's laboratory.

III. The THIRD FLAT of the same Tenement, consisting of two rooms, closet, and kitchen, possessed by Mrs Ranatyne.

ESTATE OF COLINTON TO BE SOLD.

To be Sold within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 4th day of March, 1800, betwixt the hours of one and two afternoon,

THE LANDS and BARONY of COLINTON, lying in the parish of Colinton, and shire of Edinburgh.

The Estate will be exposed together or in Lots as follow—

Lot I.—To consist of the Inclosures adjoining to the lands of Dreghorn, on the west side of the road from Colinton to Redford, consisting of 71 acres, 3 roods, 20 falls or thereby, English measure.

Lot II.—To consist of the Inclosures adjoining to the lands of Redford, lying on the south of the road from Edinburgh to Colinton, consisting of 86 acres, 1 rood, and 24 falls or thereby.

Lot III.—To consist of the Inclosures lying on the east side of the Patties road, adjoining to the lands of Redhall and Craiglockhart, consisting of 33 acres, 2 roods, and seven falls or thereby.

Lot IV.—To consist of the Mansion-house and grounds surrounding the same, with the banks and planting upon the water of Colinton, consisting of 84 acres 1 rood and 28 falls.

Lot VII.—The HOUSES and BUILDINGS in the village of Colinton, possessed by Mr Wight, as a Magnesia Manufactory, at L. 1: 10s. of rent. This tack also expires in a few years, when a great addition of rent may be expected.

Lot VIII.—The SUPERIORITY of the foresaid Lands, and of a small portion of the Lands of Pilrig, affording together, a Freehold Qualification in the county of Mid-Lothian, to which there is attached a feu-duty of L. 4: 9s. Sterl.

This estate contains more natural beauties than perhaps any property in Scotland. On each of the first four lots, there are fine situations for building. The grounds lie within three miles of Edinburgh, and the roads are remarkably good.

Intending purchasers may apply to William Dallas, writer to the signet, who will shew the title deeds, plan and rentals. Mr Dallas has power to conclude a private bargain betwixt and the day of sale, either for the whole or any one of the lots.

N. B.—Lots V. and VI. (formerly advertised) are sold.

WIDOWS, WIVES, AND CHILDREN

Of the Killed and Wounded British Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, in the late Expedition to Holland.

AT a COMMITTEE, held at the Free Mason's Tavern, on Saturday, the 14th of December, 1799.

The Right Hon. Gen. Sir WILLIAM FAWCETT, K. B. in the Chair,

The Committee, highly gratified by the benevolence of the Public, which continues to be so generally testified on this occasion towards the unfortunate Widows and Children of the Brave Men who fell in Holland, think it necessary to declare, that this Subscription will be closed on the 31st day of December curt. Shortly after which an alphabetical list of the subscribers, with an abstract of the regulations, will be sent to every individual contributor, as well as to every body corporate, in order that they may, if it suits their convenience, assist in the immediate application of the fund to the objects for whom it is collected.

And it is earnestly recommended by the Committee to Commanding Officers of such regiments as served in Holland, that they will forward the certificates required on this occasion with all convenient expedition, under cover to the Secretary at War, or to the Adjutant-General, as the assistance intended to be afforded to the objects of this subscription cannot be distributed till such certificates have been received.

C. CUPPAGE, Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED AT EDINBURGH.

Sir Wm. Forbes, Jas. Hunter, & Co.	L.	10	10 0
Charles Watson of Saughton, Esq.		10	0 0
Gilbert Meason, Esq.		5	5 0
Robt. Anderson, Esq. merchant		2	2 0
Walter Watson, Esq. Charlotte Squre		2	2 0
Adam Rolland, Esq. advocate		10	10 0
Mr James Connell, merchant, Leith		1	1 0
Officers and non-commissioned officers and privates 1st regiment fencible light dragoons, per Capt. Quist		46	10 5
Lt. Col. Dirom of Mount Annan		5	5 0
Duke of Buccleugh		10	0 0
Duchess of Buccleugh		10	0 0
Lady Caroline Montague		5	0 0
Lady Harriet Montague		5	0 0
Lady Mary Stopford		3	3 0
Dr Hay of Haystoun		5	5 0
The Hon. Mrs Paterson of Castle Huntly		5	5 0
George Paterson, Esq. of Castle Huntly, Captain of Lonforgan Volunteers		5	5 0
Alexander Hunter, 1st Lieutenant, do.		1	1 0
James Paterson, 2d Lieutenant, do,		1	1 0
Eighty-two Non-commissioned officers and privates, one weeks pay each		4	3 6
Duke of Atholl one days pay of the Perthshire Militia, including 10l. from his Grace		42	8 0
Mrs Isobel Binning		1	1 0
Right Hon. Col. Villiers		10	10 0
Hon. Mrs Villers		5	5 0
Sir John Whitefoord, Bart.		5	5 0
Hugh Monro, late serjeant 1st regiment of foot		0	2 6
Staff and Garrison at Fort George, per Hon. Gov. Stuart		46	12 1
Culross Volunteers, per Capt. R. Dundas		8	4 4
Duke of Argyle		10	10 0
James Ferrier, Esq. W. S.		1	1 0
First Bat. Perth Volunteers		52	10 0
Royal Cromarty Volunteers, per Major Ross		17	17 0
Second Batt. Royal Perth Volunteers		21	0 0
Major General Vyse		10	10 0
Captain John Byng, Aid-de-camp		2	2 0
Captain John Hart, Brigade Major		2	2 0
Mansfield, Ramsay, and Co.		10	10 0
The Dunbar Defensive Volunteers, per Major-Comm. C. Middlemas, being a weeks pay of the corps		23	4 4
The Rev. Dr John Erskine		2	0 0
Commissioner Philips of the Customs		2	2 0
The Rev. Dr Gloag, Edinburgh		0	10 6
Robert Allan, Banker		5	5 0
John Lamont of Lamont, Esq.		5	5 0
Col. Ferrier, with the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the recruiting parties in Edinburgh district, one day's pay			
William Robertson, Esq. Post-master General		5	5 0
William Kerr, Esq. Secretary, Post Office		2	2 0
Col. Mylne, and the first regiment of Dundee Volunteers		21	0 0
Port-Patrick Volunteers, one week's pay		6	13 3
New Galloway Volunteers, one day's pay		3	19 1
Mrs Capt. B. Boswell, Buccleugh Place		1	1 0
The officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of 8th, or Forfarshire, regiment of North British Militia, by the hands of James Walker, Esq.		30	16 5
Robert Jamieson, Esq. W. S.		2	2 0

Subscriptions are received by the following Bankers:—
Bank of Scotland,
Royal Bank of Scotland,
Mess. Mansfield, Ramsay, & Co.
Sir Wm. Forbes, Jas. Hunter, & Co.
Mr Allan, Banker, Sun Fire Office,
} Edinburgh.

And the Agents of the Bank of Scotland in the different towns in Scotland.

LANDS OF PICKIE AND PICKIE MILL, IN FIFE.

To be LET by roup or private bargain,

THE FARM of PICKIE and PICKIE MILL, belonging to the city of Glasgow, lying in the parish of St Leonard's, and county of Fife, about four miles distant from each of the towns of St Andrew's, Crail, and Anstruther—are to be Set for nineteen years from Martinmas last, 1799. The farm consists of about 80 acres of arable, and about 24 acres of muir land, and is capable of being considerably improved

The proprietors will lay out a sum, not exceeding 300l. Sterling, to build a suitable Farm-house and Offices agreeably to a plan.

The lands will be let by public roup, in the town of St Andrew's, on Monday the 6th day of January next; and, in the articles of roup, the farm will be exposed to be set either as it now stands, without houses for the tenant, or with the condition of advancing a sum for that purpose, not exceeding what is above mentioned, as offerers may incline.

A [illegible] of the set by roup may be seen in [illegible] may be made, in writing to the Town Clerks of Glasgow, or to James Hill, Esq. of Longrow, at Scotscraig, who is authorised to treat with offerers.

Council Chamber, Glasgow, Dec. 10, 1799.

GROWING WOOD IN PERTHSHIRE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the house of John Kinross, vintner in Dunblane, on Tuesday the 21 st day of January next, at 12 o'clock mid-day,

THE WOOD of KEIR, consisting of OAK and Barren Timber. There are near 500 Oaks in this Wood, reserved at former cuttings, from 50 to 100 years old, the greatest part of which are fit for ship timber; and from their size and age, well worth the attention of ship-builders.

The wood is situated on the turnpike road leading from Stirling to Crieff, and is within one mile of Dunblane, three of the navigable river of Forth, and three and a half of Stirling.

The Grieve at Keir will shew the wood; and the articles of roup, and conditions of sale, are with Mr William Stirling, writer, Dunblane. KEIR, 21st Dec. 1799.

WOODS IN ARGYLESHIRE FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by public roup, at the house of Mr M'Nicol, Innkeeper at Dunbarton, the 5th day of February next, at twelve o'clock noon,

THE EARL of BREADALBANE's WOODS, on his Lands and Estate, commonly called the Twenty-seven-merk Land of Lochow; those on Letterbeg and Lettermore on Lochowside, and those on the lands of Glens, Dno, Inverurichan, and Two Ears on Lochetive, near Bunaw, in one or more lots, as purchasers may incline.

The purchasers must manufacture the wood into charcoal, and deliver the coal to the Lorn Furnace Company, at certain prices specified in a contract between the proprietor and them; the Company providing colliers at reasonable wages, and sacks for carrying the coal.

The wood rangers on the different districts will shew the woods; and Mr Campbell, writer to the signet, St James's Square, Edinburgh, or Mr John Campbell, writer in Inveraray, who have powers to conclude a private bargain, betwixt and the day of sale, will give further information, and receive proposal,

STAMP-OFFICE, SOMERSET-PLACE,

DECEMBER 3. 1799.

WE, his MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS for managing the STAMP DUTIES, duly authorised by the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to Act of Parliament, to Let to Farm the Duties granted by "An Act "of the 25th of his present Majesty, on HORSES LET to "HIRE for Travelling Post, and by Time," do hereby give notice, That we intend to LET, *at our Office in Somerset Place*, the said Duties to Farm, on *Tuesday the 7th of January next*, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, according to the Districts in the statement under-mentioned, and to put the same up at the sums placed opposite to each, for the term of Three Years from the *1st day of February next*, to such persons as may be willing to contract for the same.

All persons intending to farm the said Duties are to deliver in their proposals to us, at the Stamp-Office in Somerset Place, *at least three days previous to the said 7th day of January next*, signed with their names, stating the places of their abode, and specifying the District for which they intend to bid, or their proposals cannot be proceeded on, as directed by the said Act No persons licensed to let Horses for the purpose of travelling post, nor any persons for their use, can be admitted to contract for the said duties.

A Statement of the Districts for Farming out Post-Horse &c. Duties.

No.	Districts.	Produce.
1	NORTH BRITAIN	L. 5,274
2	Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham	3,508
3	Yorkshire	8,106
4	Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire	7,971
5	Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire	6,567
6	Northamptonshire, Rutlandshire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire	8,564
7	Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire	7,710
8	Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire	8,086
9	Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire	5,201
10	Huntingdonshire, Hertfordshire	8,045
11	Surrey	5,693
12	Middlesex, including London and Westminster	13,753
13	Kent, Sussex	10,678
14	Hampshire, Berkshire	8,006
15	Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Cornwall, Somersetshire	8,768
16	NORTH WALES, *viz.* Anglesea, Carnarvonshire, Denbeighshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, with Shropshire	2,637
17	SOUTH WALES, *viz.* Brecknockshire, Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Glamorganshire, Radnorshire, and Pembrokeshire, with Herefordshire, and Monmouthshire	1,296

The above sums are the gross amounts the Duty arising within each District respectively, for the year ending on the 1st of August 1787.

J. BINDLEY,
E. FAWKENER,
L. JENKINS,
W. R. SPENCER,
W. LAKE.

N B.—All persons intending to bid for any of these Districts, are desired to take notice, that they will not be put up to sale according to the numerical arrangement in which they stand above; but that the order or selling will be varied, as circumstances shall direct, and not declared previously to the day of sale, for the purpose of encouraging a fair competition, and of defeating the combinations heretofore experienced at the time of bidding to the great prejudice of the Revenue.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUP,

Within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Wednesday the 15th January 1800, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon,

THAT LARGE HOUSE, above Mr Archibald Gibson's shop in South Bridge Street, belonginging to and presently possessed by Mr William Gibson; consisting of a dining-room and drawing-room, about 19 by 18 feet each, eight good bed-rooms, a store-room, large light closet, two pantries, a kitchen with a stone floor, light garrets over the whole house, and many other conveniencies, with two vaulted cellars immediately under the pavement of the bridge, one of which is fitted up with catacombs.

Apply to Mr Gibson, the proprietor, or James Gibson, W S. either of whom will conclude a private bargain between and the day of sale.

The house may be seen on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from twelve to three o'clock. Part of the price may remain in the hands of the purchaser; and the house may be entered to on 1st January 1800, in case of a sale by private bargain.

HOUSE IN NICOLSON's STREET.

To be SOLD by public auction, on Friday the 3d day of January next, 1800, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at the hour of one o'clock P. M.

Area, late the property of Dr BLACK, [illegible] DWELLING-HOUSE in [illegible]

The house consists of eleven fire-rooms, kitchen, garrets and suitable offices, for a large family, and may be viewed every lawful day, betwixt the hours of eleven and three forenoon, previous to the day of sale.

For particulars apply to Adam Ferguson, No. 84, Chapel Street. *Edin. Dec.* 21. 1799.

SALE OF LANDS AND VILLAS,

Near the town of Kilbarchan,

AND OF

DWELLING HOUSES, FACTORY, AND BLEACHFIELD,

In and contiguous thereto.

ALL and WHOLE, the PARKS of AUCHINAMES, in the parish of Kilbarchan and shire of Renfrew, consisting of about 100 acres of excellent arable land, properly inclosed and subdivided, except — acres under planting, beautifully laid out, about 30 years old, and in the most thriving condition. On these Lands there is a large modern good House and complete set of Office-houses, and an excellent Garden stored with fruit trees of all kinds. These Lands will be sold either together or in lots, as purchasers may incline; and, if in lots, two of them will be about 30 acres each, and the other about 40 acres. The easy access and situation render the whole most inviting situations for villas.

ALSO—All and Whole the LANDS of FOREHOUSE and INCLOSURES adjoining, on which there is also an excellent modern House, complete set of Office-houses and Garden; and the FARMS of LAW and LAWMARNOCK, and HAIRLAWS, of great extent, and properly inclosed and subdivided all lying in the parish of Kilbarchan and shire of Renfrew; and, also, SEVEN TENEMENTS of DWELLING HOUSES, and an EXCELLENT BLEACHFIELD, and HOUSES in and adjoining to the town of Kilbarchan, as will all be more particularly mentioned in future advertisements, when the day of sale shall be fixed.

Any person wishing information as to this most desirable property, may apply to Humphry Barbour, and Wm. Barbour, at Kilbarchan, Robert Barclay, merchant in Paisley, Matthew Taylor, writer in Glasgow, or William Campbell, writer in Kilbarchan.

SET OF MANSION HOUSE AND FARM,

And Sale of Farm Stocking, and Household Furniture.

Upon Friday the 3d day of January 1800, will be LET by Public Roup, for Five Years,

THE Mansion House, Pigeon House, Office-Houses, Gardens, and Mains of KEMBACK, lying in the Parish of Kemback, and County of Fife, delightfully situated on the banks of the river Eden, three miles from Cupar, the county town, and six miles from St. Andrews, and in the neighbourhood of coal and lime.

The Lands consist of about forty-four arable acres, mostly inclosed, of a good rich dry soil, and all in the highest order. The Mansion House is modern, large, and commodious, and fit to accommodate a genteel family. The Gardens early, and well stocked with fruit trees.

At same time will be SOLD by roup,

The Whole STOCKING on the MAINS of KEMBACK, consisting of Horses, Cows, Quays, Calves, all of good kinds, Corns and Fodder, and Labouring Instruments. Also part of the Household Furniture in the mansion-house, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, and bed-chamber Furniture, and other articles

The roup to begin, at Kemback House, at ten o'clock forenoon.

James Farmer, servant at Kemback, will show the premises; and for further particulars application may be made to Robert Johnston, writer in Cupar.

FARM IN FIFE.

To LET for such a number of years as may be agreed on, and entered to immediately,

THE Farm of NETHERBEATH, belonging to Sir James Malcolm, Bart. consisting of 87 Scots acres, mostly of arable ground, as lately possessed by John Currie. These lands lie in the parish and within two miles of Dunfermline, and also within a mile of the two Great Coal Works of Fordell and Halbeath, and of the thriving village of Crossgates, from which places there are a constant demand and ready sale, for every produce of the farm, and to which there is easy access by the great turnpike road from Queensferry to Kinross, which runs through the lands. They are capable of great improvement by draining and inclosing, and there is plenty of lime within two miles at a reasonable price. The farm will be let for a grassum at the rent payable by the late tenant.

For particulars application may be made to Mr Henry Clephane, W. S. No. 63. Queen Street, Edinburgh.

LEASE OF A FARM TO BE SOLD.

To be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 15th day af January next, at two o'clock afternoon,

THE LEASE of the FARM of KIRKETTLE, lying in the parish of Laswade, and county of Mid-Lothian, consisting of about 400 acres, partly arable, and partly pasturage. The rent is 170l. Sterling, and 2l. 8s. for kain, besides interest upon improvements made by the landlord.

The lease, which endures for 12 years after Whitsunday last, and the articles of roup may be seen, and other particulars learned, by applying to Alexander Ponton, writer. No. 14. South Castle Street.

COUNTY OF FIFE.

Mill, Mill Lands, and Stations for Machinery and Bleachfields.

To be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon,

THE MILL and MILL LANDS of AUCHMUTIE, in the parish of Markinch, and county of Fife.—The mill lands consist of twenty Scots acres, and as they lie along the south bank of the river of Leven, possess the command of the whole water in that river, and have the advantage of a fall of considerable height. There are few situations better adapted, either for stations for Machinery, or for Bleachfields. They will be let either in one or more lots, as offerers shall incline.

The mill and mill lands are situated in the immediate vicinity of the coal-works of Balbirnie, where there is a plentiful supply of coal at a cheap rate, about one English mile from the populous and thriving villages of Leslie and Markinch, about eight miles from Kirkcaldy, and four from Dysart, and at the distance of a quarter of a mile from the great road leading from Kirkcaldy to Cupar.

Further information will be got upon applying to Mr Robert Beatson of Piteadie, near Kinghorn, or Craufurd Tait, writer to the signet, Edinburgh; to whom offers may be made between and the 1st day of February next, when the subjects will be let. Nov. 1799.

SALE OF LANDS IN ROXBURGHSHIRE,

By public roup, within Elliot's Rooms, near the Exchange, north side of the High Street, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 22d January 1800, between the hours of two and three afternoon,

THE LANDS of WHITERIG, in the parish of Bowden, consisting of about 92 capital arable acres, divided into inclosures by thriving hedges and plantations.—There is a neat Mansion-house, and a convenient sett of offices in the centre of the property.—It is remarkably well calculated for a villa, or the residence of a Gentleman who wishes to amuse himself with farming, being situated in a very desirable neighbourhood, only two miles distant from Melrose, ten from Jedburgh and Kelso, all good market towns, and about half a mile from the great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle, by Jedburgh.

The purchaser can have access to the natural possession of the lands at Whitsunday next. The tenant will show the lands; and persons wishing to purchase, may apply for further particulars to Cornelius and James Elliots, writers to the signet, Edinburgh, in whose hands are the title-deeds and plan of the estate, and who have power to conclude a private bargain before the day of sale

SALE ADJOURNED.

HOUSES AND GARDENS

In that Part of Newington called Causewayside.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, in *Elliot's Rooms*, first fore stair below the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 8th day of January next, between the hours of one and two afternoon, in the following Lots,

LOT I.—THE HOUSE, OFFICES, and Part of the GARDEN possessed by Mrs Haig.—The Dwelling-house, which consists of three storeys, is an elegant modern building, suited to accommodate a genteel family. The part of the Garden which will belong to this lot, running in a straight line east from the north gable of the house possessed by Mr Orr, is surrounded on two sides with high walls, one of which being of brick, about fifteen feet high, and having an aspect to the south, is well calculated for rearing fruit trees.—The dwelling house and the whole garden is presently rented [illegible] low as 16l. but with very little improvement, ment of purchasers, this lot will be so low as 25l. encourage-

LOT II.—Being the DWELLING-HOUSE possessed by Mess. Orr, Morrison, Berry, and others, with that part of the garden which will intervene between a straight line drawn eastward, and the east wall from the north gable of Mr Orr's house, from the south gable of that possessed by Mr Morrison, with an entry on the south of Mr Morrison's house, and the plots of ground immediately to the west fronting the houses, which being bordered with thriving trees, gives the premisses a most rural appearance. At the bottom of this part of the garden there is a nett summer-house of two apartments fancifully decorated with shell work. There is a high wall at the bottom of the garden, coped with pavement, having an aspect to the west, and there are several espaliers belonging to this lot which are in a thriving condition. The premisses, including lot 3d are rented at 23l. Sterling, will be set up at 250l.

LOT III.—Being the GARDEN, as presently possessed by Mr Orr, consisting of eight falls and upwards, with that Part of the Large GARDEN lying immediately to the east thereof, running in a straight line from its southern and northern boundaries. This lot has 67 feet and upwards in front to the street, and would afford an excellent site for building a house. This lot will be put up at 100l. Sterling. The whole subjects are held of a subject superior, for payment of a feu-duty of 1l. 7s. 9d. 4-12ths, which will be allocated equally among the different lots. The entry of an heir or singular successor is taxed to a double feu-duty for the first year.

The whole premisses will have in common an excellent pump well, situated in lot 1st. The whole subjects command a free view to Arthur Seat and the surrounding country, and are well adapted for the residence of Gentlemen, who, being engaged in the city, wish to have their family situated in country quarters, within ten minutes walk of the Cross. The tenants will shew the premisses; and for particulars intending purchasers may apply to Alexander Ferrie, writer, Royal Exchange, who is possessed of a plan and title-deeds of the subjects, and has power to conclude a private bargain before the day of sale.

VILLA NEAR EDINBURGH FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on Monday the 3d of February 1800, at two o'clock afternoon,

THE VILLA of ORMISTON LODGE, lying at the south extremity of the Village of Ormiston, in the county of East Lothian, 12 miles from Edinburgh, lately possessed by the Hon. Mrs Barclay Maitland.

The House consists of a dining-room, drawing-room, three bed-rooms with light closets, five other bed-rooms, kitchen, servants hall, and a variety of closets.

There are on the premisses a stable, with four stalls, and hay lof[illegible] saw-house, chaise-house, and brewhouse, &c. all which as well as the dwelling-house, are in good order. In the garden, which is well stocked with fruit trees, both standards and wall trees of the best qualities, there is a capital pump well. The whole are situated on a large Scotch acre of ground.

The situation of Ormiston is well known as one of the most picturesque in the county of East Lothian, and has the benefit of a penny post from Edinburgh.

John Lees, at Ormiston, will shew the house and garden;—and further particulars application may be made to James Heriot, W. S. No. 32, Queen Street.

N. B.—The Furniture will not be rouped till after the sale of the house, so that the purchaser may be supplied with what suits him.

SALE OF LANDS IN AYRSHIRE.

Upset Price reduced from L.8500 to L.6500.

THE ESTATE of SAUCHRIE, lying within the parish of Maybole, and shire of Ayr, is to be exposed to public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 31st of January 1800, (and not upon Thursday the 16th as formerly advertised,) between the hours of one and two o'clock afternoon.

This estate consists of 755 English acres, and is three miles distant from the town of Maybole, six miles from Ayr, and about the same distance from coal and lime, to which there is easy access by good roads. The free yearly rent (the public burdens being trifling), is 254l. which must rise considerably on the expiry of the present leases. About 300 acres of the lands are inclosed and subdivided. The fields are in general well watered, and sheltered with hedge-rows of old trees, and broad belts of planting. There are nearly 40 acres of wood on the estate, of very considerable value, great part of which may be cut and thinned at present, with much profit and advantage.

The mansion-house is delightfully situated, with suitable offices, and an excellent garden, the whole being calculated for the accommodation of a genteel family. The farm houses are new and substantial. A purchaser may enter to the immediate possession of above 60 acres of valuable land, surrounding the house. The estate and neighbouring country abound with game, and a fine trouting stream runs through the lands A more desirable country residence is not at present to be found.

This estate is held feu of the Prince; the lands are not thirled to any mill, and the teinds are valued and exhausted. An accurate measurement and plan of the property has been lately made, with an estimate of its value, including the growing timber upon the estate; and, with the title-deeds and leases, may be seen in the hands of Alexander Young, writer to the signet, No. 48, Queen Street, Edinburgh.

A copy of the plan and measurement may likewise be seen in the hands of Thomas M'Clelland, writer in Ayr, who will furnish every other necessary information; and the house and grounds will be shewn to any person who may apply for that purpose, at the mansion-house of Sauchrie.

Offers for a sale, by private bargain, will be received by Mr Young, any time betwixt and the day of sale.

SALE OF LANDS IN KINCARDINESHIRE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on Monday the 20th day of January next, at one afternoon, if not previously sold by private bargain,

THE LANDS and BARONIES of THORNTON and PITNAMOON, lying in the parishes of Forden and Marykirk, about ten miles from Montrose, ten from Brechin, and five miles from the sea-port town of Johnshaven; together also with the Right of Patronage of the church of Marykirk.

These lands are pleasantly situated on a south exposure, are well bounded, and compact, all together, consisting of about 1400 Scots acres, mostly arable, all of a good quality, and well adapted for Green Crops.

The Mains of Thornton and Pitnamoon, allowed to be the best farms on the property, are out of lease at Martinmas next, and the lease of the Mill of Thornton, with about 200 acres of good land, expires at Martinmas 1802. Estimating the Mains at a very moderate rent, the rental amounts at present to about 700l. Sterling, and when the leases of the Mill, and some others, which are of short endurance, expire, a very considerable rise of rent will be obtained.

The Manses and Churches of Forden and Marykirk are in complete repair, and also the farm-houses and mills on the property to be exposed to sale.

There is no modern mansion-house on the lands; but there is on Thornton an old Castle, surrounded with some fine old Trees, and affording good materials for buildings to any extent; besides the old trees there are about 80 acres of young Plantations, all in a thriving condition.

These lands hold of the Crown, and the valued rent is 1104l. Scots. A purchaser may be accommodated with as much more valued rent as will make up three Freehold Qualifications.

For further particulars apply to Mr Scott at Laurencekirk, who will cause shew the lands; or Maxwell Gordon and John Morison, writers to the signet, in whose hands are the title-deeds, and who will treat for a private sale.

If the lands are not sold, the proprietor will be ready to treat for leases of the Mains of Thornton, and also of the Mains of Pitnamoon, and the other parts of the property out of lease.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE OF LANDS AND SUPERIORITES

In the County of Dumfries.

On Thursday, the 30th day of January 1800, between the hours of one and three afternoon, there will be exposed to SALE by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh,

I.—THE LANDS of BROOMILL, lying in the parish of Lochmaben, and near the Borough. They are bounded partly by the Broomill or Hallleaths Lake, and partly by the River Annan and Water of Kinnel, in which the tenants exercise their right of Fishing Salmon and Trout without rent.—The extent of these lands is about 262 acres, and they are possessed by four tenants, who pay 120l. of rent, under leases which expire at Whitsunday 1814. They are pleasantly situated, and very improveable. They hold of the Crown, and are valued in the cess-books at 171 merks.

II.—A DALE of CROFT LAND, and a STABLE, BARN, [illegible] YARD in the Borough Roods of Lochmaben, presently possessed by John Miller and [illegible] Jardine.

III.—A SKAIR in Brow or Ward Part of the Ten Pound Land of Annan, and lying in the immediate vicinity of the town of Annan, possessed by John Smith.

IV.—The following FEU-DUTIES of LANDS and HOUSES in and about the Town of Annan, *viz.*

	Feu-Duty, Sterling.
1. The Lands of Mounie's Close	L. 2 12 9
2. The Houses possessed by William Elliot	2 15 0
3. The Houses possessed by the late Geo. Palmer	5 0 0
4. Houses possessed by William Stewart's disponees	5 0 0
5. Houses possessed by the said William Stewart's disponees	3 0 0

V.—The SUPERIORITIES of the following LANDS, and FEU-DUTIES payable for the same, *viz.*

	Feu-Duty, Sterling.
1. Robgill, Broadlee, and Blackyet, in the parish of Dornock	L. 13 13 4
N. B.—These give a Freehold Qualification on the old extent.	
2. Dunninghill, in the parish of Cummertrees	0 1 1 4-12
3. Mosskrow and Righeads, in the parish of Kirkpatrick-Fleming	1 2 2 8-12
4. Steelhill, Herdhill or Hardhill, in the same parish	0 4 1 8-12
5. Todlemuir, in the parish of Lochmaben	4 14 5 8-12
6. Northfield, Hardrigs, and Gullielands, in the parish of Annan	0 6 8

The land will be shown by the tenants; and for further particulars application may be made to Mr William Stewart at Hillside, near Lockerbie; Mr Keith, accountant in Edinburgh; or Mr Crawfurd Tait, W. S. Edinburgh.—The articles of roup, title-deeds, and plans of the lands, will be shown by Mr Tait.

Those wishing to purchase by private bargain, may give in their offers between and the day of sale.